

The July 7, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Clay County Council was called to order by President Larry Moss at 6:00 p.m. Council members present were Jackie Mitchell, Jason Thomas, Rick James, Michael Heaton, Jeff Fritz, Jason Britton, and Larry Moss. Auditor Patricia A. Foxx made a record of the proceedings, to wit:

Michael Heaton led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the opening prayer by Jeff Fritz.

A motion to approve June 2, 2025, Regular Meeting minutes was made by Jackie Mitchell and seconded by Jason Britton. Motion carried 7-0.

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Larry Moss read the following:

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

Whereas, it has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the annual budget; now, therefore:

Sec.1. Be it Ordained by the County Council that for the Van Buren Fire Protection District, Clay County, the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated out of the funds names and for the purposes specified, subject to the laws governing the same:

	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED BY FISCAL BODY
Fund Name: <u>County General</u>		
Major Budget Classification:		
Personal Services	\$361,041.00	\$361,041.00
Other Services & Charges	<u>\$452,300.00</u>	<u>\$440,300.00</u>
TOTAL For <u>County General</u>	<u>\$813,341.00</u>	<u>\$801,341.00</u>

Fund Name: County Highway

Major Budget Classification		
Other Services & Charges	<u>\$140,495.00</u>	<u>\$140,495.00</u>
TOTAL For <u>County Highway</u>	<u>\$140,495.00</u>	<u>\$140,495.00</u>

Presented to the Clay County Council, read in full and adopted this 7th day of July, 2025.

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Larry Moss /s/ _____

Jason Thomas /s/ _____

Michael Heaton /s/ _____

Rick James /s/ _____

Jeff Fritz /s/ _____

Jackie Mitchell /s/ _____

Jason Britton /s/ _____

Members of the Clay County Council

ATTEST: Patricia A Foxx /s/ _____

Patricia A Foxx, Clay County Auditor

Brison Swearingen, Sheriff said the \$1,041.00 is April overtime reimbursement from the DEA. He is asking to put the funds back on the overtime line item.

Brison Swearingen, Sheriff, requested an additional of \$90,000.00 to cover the rest of the year for the part time ice drivers.

Sheriff Swearingen requested an additional appropriation of \$400,000.00 for medical expenses to cover the inmates medical care for the rest of the year.

A motion to approve the Sheriff's additional appropriation of \$491,041.00 as presented was made by Jeff Fritz and seconded by Rick James. Motion carried 7-0.

Bryan Allender and Paul Sinderson, Commissioners, said during the budget cuts the payroll taxes were decreased to balance the budget. They are asking for \$270,000.00 to cover the rest of the year.

Marty Heffner, Commissioner, said the Cory Fire Department needs additional \$300.00 to cover the expenses for the training.

Bryan Allender, Commissioner withdrew the additional appropriation for \$12,000.00. Council adjusted the additional appropriation for the change.

Marty Heffner discussed the jail pumps which are burning through the oil. One of the air vacuum pumps has been rebuilt and can't be rebuilt again. A company is offering a trade for the old to the new pump with a 2 year warranty and including shipping both ways. An additional \$40,000.00 will cover the new pump.

A motion to approve the Commissioner's additional appropriation of \$310,300.00 as presented was made by Jason Thomas and seconded by Michael Heaton. Motion carried 7-0.

Bryan Allender, Commissioner, said the insurance for the fire damage to the roof at the highway department has a \$10,000.00 deductible. To cover the additional cost to repair the roof, an additional of \$10,000.00 is needed.

The new storage equipment building at the highway department was supposed to have been built a couple of years ago but now is back on track and an additional of \$130,495.00 is needed for the new building.

A motion to approve the Highway additional appropriation of \$140,495.00 was made by Jackie Mitchell and seconded by Rick James. Motion carried 7-0.

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERS

No transfers.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAY COUNTY SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNCIL ANNUAL LOCAL PREVENTION TREATMENT JUSTICE GRANT (ALSO KNOWN AS SADD GRANT)

Brison Swearingen presented the grant since Debra Allen, Secretary/Treasurer, could not be present. The renewal period is January 1st, 2026 to December 31st, 2026 for \$35,975.00.

A motion to approve the Annual Local Prevention Treatment Justice Grant as presented was made by Rick James and seconded by Jeff Fritz. Motion carried 7-0.

IN THE MATTER OF OTHERS COUNTY BUSINESS

Sheriff Brison Swearingen presented the Commissary report from January 1st, 2025 to June 30, 2025. Due to the law change this report will be presented quarterly to the Council.

Rick James asked for an update on the fire department training. Marty will talk to the Glen Neiswinger to give a presentation at the next council meeting.

Jeff Fritz referred to the floods in Texas that were included in Larry Moss's prayer.

Michael Heaton asked for an elevator update. Bryan said the elevator will be up and running in the coming weeks. The elevator will need to be upgraded due to the age of it which could be from 6 months to 8 months.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Jason Thomas made a motion to adjourn seconded by Michael Heaton. Motion carried 7-0.

Members of the Clay County Council

Attest:

Clay County Auditor